

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 2163**

February 1, 2022

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Specifies that the Department of Children's Services (DCS) must calculate their caseload ratios at least once a month for purposes of determining the staffing levels of case managers.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

Assumptions:

- Per Tenn. Code Ann. § 37-5-132, DCS is currently required to comply with the maximum caseload ratios not to exceed an average of 20 active cases relating to initial assessments, including investigations of an allegation of child abuse or neglect or 20 children monitored and supervised in active cases relating to ongoing services.
- Requiring average caseloads to be calculated at least monthly will not have a significant impact on the policies or procedures of the DCS; therefore, the estimated fiscal impact is not significant.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner".

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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